Dangerous rail bridges

†2878. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of railway bridges under the category of dangerous bridges in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Railways have no modern equipment to know the underwater conditions of railway bridges; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Nil.

(b) and (c) Presently Railways do not have equipment to check the physical condition of portion of bridge remaining perennially underwater. A world wide search by contacting foreign companies claiming to having capability and equipment is on hand for identifying appropriate technologies and equipment for underwater inspection and assessment of condition of bridges. The process of side visits and presentations is in progress.

Over-bridge at Nandyal railway station

2879. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a foot over-bridge at Nandyal Railway Station from Platform No. 1,2 and 3 for convenience of the passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.